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ARIZONA SCHOOLS CHIEF TOM HORNE ANNOUNCES A SUMMER ADMINISTRATION OF THE AIMS TEST

PHOENIX (Wednesday, November 9, 2005) -- Arizona Schools Chief Tom Horne announced today the Arizona Department of Education will be administering the AIMS test over the summer, limited to seniors who meet local requirements to graduate, but still need to pass one or more AIMS tests.

"The Department is trying to ensure that every student in the 2006 graduating class has another opportunity to pass the AIMS test this summer," said Superintendent Tom Horne.

The Department will be administering the test in July: Writing, Tuesday, July 11; Reading, Wednesday, July 12; and Math, Thursday, July 13.

The test will be given in several locations around the state: Phoenix, Tucson, Flagstaff, Yuma and possibly other locations to be determined, including northwest and northeast Arizona.

The individual schools will be responsible for identifying those students who have met all graduation requirements except passing one or more parts of the AIMS test.

"The summer administration will enable students to have a diploma in hand before beginning post secondary school and career opportunities," concluded Horne.

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